

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

“Transit Watch – Massachusetts Anti-Terror Initiative on Rail Lines” Governor Mitt Romney and Secretary of Public Safety Edward A. Flynn launched a first-in-the-nation initiative on May 4, 2004 to ask commuters for their help in identifying and reporting potential terrorist activity on the Commonwealth’s trains and buses. The new *Transit Watch* program, with the slogan *See Something? Say Something*, aims to prevent terrorist activities on the state’s transit systems by providing anti-terror education to passengers of the MBTA and the other 15 Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) in Massachusetts.

The *Transit Watch* security awareness campaign involves the initial distribution of 350,000 educational pamphlets throughout the MBTA and RTA system. The initiative also includes the installation of educational placards in transit stations and on buses and subways as well as Public Service Announcement radio spots. For more information please go to:

http://www.mass.gov/portal/govPR.jsp?gov_pr=gov_pr_040504_anti-terro_transportation.xml

“Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program” The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS), in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the American Heart Association (AHA), is pleased to announce that each Municipality is eligible to apply for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) under a program authorized by the State Legislature. Mayors, City Managers, and Chairpersons of Select Boards may apply on behalf of their local police and fire departments, fire protection districts, harbor masters, or other municipal first responder agencies. Municipalities applying for this equipment must, in accordance with the legislation, “have implemented a plan for first responder automatic cardiac defibrillation training” and have documentation of this plan. **Applications, which are due on May 21, 2004**, will be mailed to each Municipality and be available on the EOPS website by May 14, 2004.

“Out of Control: The Link between Alcohol and Riots” Win an important game? Have a riot! Lose an important game? Have a riot! Unfortunately, this has been the experience in many college communities, and the results have been costly for everyone involved. According to law enforcement officials, the common denominator in many of these incidents is alcohol. Find out which interventions can be effective in preventing violent incidences from occurring. On **May 18, 2004, 3:00-4:15 p.m. ET**, OJJDP will host an audioconference to discuss ways to prevent disturbances following sporting events where alcohol was used. Access information and register at: <http://www.udetc.org/Events-AudioConferences.htm>

“Implementing Environmental Strategies to Combat Underage Drinking” The MassCALL 2004 Training Series continues with the **Implementing Environmental Strategies to Combat Underage Drinking** workshop on **Monday, June 7, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at the **Holiday Inn Worcester** - 500 Lincoln Street, Worcester. The workshop is for Community leaders, substance abuse providers, coalition members and all who want to learn more about implementing environmental strategies to reduce substance abuse. The Registration Fee is \$15 payable to MassCALL/TMF. Scholarships are available. For directions and to register by **May 21, 2004**, call Akosua Sackey 617-423-4337 x 500, e-mail asackey@tmfnet.org or by fax 617-282-3950.

The **National Center for Victims of Crime** will convene its first national conference, which has as its theme **“Forging Alliances Building Leadership,”** in Washington, DC, **June 20-22, 2004**. Coinciding with the National Center's 20th anniversary, this conference will feature:

- Nationally recognized speakers on a wide range of cutting-edge issues;
- Hands-on workshops to sharpen your skills;
- Networking opportunities with victim service providers and allied professionals from across the country;

- Scheduled meetings with your Congressional representatives; and
- No-cost exhibit opportunities.

For additional information regarding "Call for Presenters," "Exhibit Applications," and conference registration information please go to www.ncvc.org.

"Methamphetamine Investigation Management Workshop" The workshop, designed for state and local law enforcement officers, addresses the operational aspects of managing methamphetamine investigations, as well as problem areas specific to these types of investigations. Training objectives include: The Methamphetamine Problem, Clandestine Laboratories, Manufacturing Methamphetamine, First Response Procedures, Investigation Techniques, Raid Issues, and Emerging Trends.

The workshop will be held **June 21-23, 2004**, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA. (508-460-0700). A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of June 20-22, 2004. The contract rate is \$79, plus tax, for single or double occupancy. Please reference **BJA Training** and reserve your room by June 7, 2004. There is **no registration fee** for this workshop.

The training is co-hosted by the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), Massachusetts United States Attorney's Office, Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, and New England HIDTA. To register online please go to:
<http://www.iir.com/centf/Meth.htm>

"Review and Comment on the Commonwealth's FFY2004 Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Strategy" – The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is pleased to announce that the federal Fiscal Year 2004 Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program Application and State Strategy is available for review and comment at the EOPS website www.mass.gov/ccj/update.htm. After reviewing the document, you may submit written comments or questions to Lynn Wright, Byrne Team Leader, at lynn.wright@state.ma.us or John Farley, Deputy Director, at john.farley@state.ma.us.

Funding Opportunities

To date, over 500 local police agencies, district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' departments, state agency representatives and private sector employees receive the EOPS Programs Division Newsletter. In an effort to provide timely and relevant funding information for the multitude of subscribers, the Funding Opportunities section has been expanded and is attached to the newsletter. If you have problems opening the attachment, please e-mail Patricia Bergin at patricia.bergin@state.ma.us.

"Application for Grant Funds" Please be advised, for the purposes of grant solicitation by the EOPS Programs Division, the Application for Grant Funds (AGF) replaces the term RFR (Request for Response).

EOPS GRANTEES: New Standard Quarterly Financial Report Instructions and Detail Worksheet After a careful review of past subrecipient grant reporting and documentation practices, the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division has developed reimbursement standards that describe the type of documentation that must be submitted with quarterly programmatic and financial reports to justify reimbursement for expenses incurred, and the specific documents subrecipients must have on file for backup during on-site monitoring visits. To download a chart that defines each allowable cost category and the documentation standards, please go to the EOPS Programs Division website at:
www.mass.gov/ccj/update.htm.

Adherence to the documentation standards will be an absolute condition for reimbursement. Also at the EOPS Programs Division website is an Excel worksheet that must be submitted along with your quarterly programmatic and financial reports. If you are a current EOPS grantee, your next quarterly financial report, for the period ending June 30, 2004 and due to EOPS by July 15, 2004, must follow these documentation and reporting standards.

Research and Statistics

"Highlights of the 2002 National Youth Gang Survey" All cities with a population of 250,000 or more reported youth gang problems in 2002, as did 87% of cities with a population between 100,000 and 249,999. Thirty-eight percent of responding suburban county agencies, 27% of responding smaller city agencies, and 12% of responding rural county agencies also reported youth gang problems in 2002.
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200401.pdf>

"Hepatitis Testing and Treatment in State Prisons" At midyear 2000, 1,113,035 inmates (94% of all inmates) were held in facilities that reported having a testing policy for hepatitis C. Thirty-three percent (33%) of tests in facilities that tested only targeted groups were positive compared to 27% of those in facilities that conducted broad tests (random basis or all inmates).

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/htsp.pdf>

Resources

"Firefighter Life Safety Summit Initial Report" The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the United States Fire Administration announced the release of the Firefighter Life Safety Summit Initial Report. The report details initiatives and recommendations for drastically reducing firefighter fatalities and injuries. The Firefighter Life Safety Summit held March 10-11, 2004, in Tampa, Fla., was a first of its kind gathering of more than 200 fire and emergency service representatives from over 100 organizations and departments nationwide. The summit was convened to support USFA's goal of reducing firefighter fatalities by 25% within 5 years and 50% within 10 years. The report identifies and provides additional background on the 16 initiatives that were formulated by the summit participants.

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/inside-usfa/media/2004releases/041404.shtm>

"Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics, 2000: Data for Individual State and Local Agencies with 100 or More Officers" This report presents findings from the 2000 Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) survey, which collected data from State and local agencies that employed 100 or more full-time sworn officers. Subject areas covered include personnel, expenditures and pay, operations, community policing, policies and programs, and computers and information systems. For example, on average, larger municipal police departments employed 22 full-time sworn personnel per 10,000 residents. County police departments and sheriffs' offices employed an average of 11 and 10 officers per 10,000 residents, respectively. Also, about two-thirds of larger municipal (68%) and county (66%) police departments had a full-time community policing unit, while a majority of sheriffs' offices (57%) also had such a unit, but just a fourth of State agencies did. These percentages were also similar to 1997. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/lemas00.pdf>

Homeland Security Resources

"Terrorism and Rail Security" Testimony presented by Jack Riley of the RAND Corporation, to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on March 23, 2004.

<http://www.rand.org/publications/CT/CT224/CT224.pdf>

"Law Enforcement Officers Guide for Responding to Chemical Terrorist Incidents" This document serves as a quick reference guide for law enforcement personnel to help understand the basics for identification of, and response to, an attack using chemical warfare agents.

http://hld.sbcom.army.mil/ip/le_officers_guide_download.htm

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